

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SHARKEY JAMES,

Petitioner,

-v-

No. 20 CV 3468-LTS

WILLIAM F. KEYSER,

Respondent.

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ORDER

The Court has received Petitioner's request to hold in abeyance his claims arising from the COVID-19 pandemic so he "can exhaust [his] administrative remedies in the lower court." (Docket Entry No. 9.) Petitioner's request is granted and his COVID-19 related claims will be held in abeyance pending his exhaustion of state remedies. The deadline to answer these claims set forth in the Court's May 7, 2020, Order is suspended pending further order of the Court. (Docket Entry No. 4.) The deadline set by May 7, 2020, Order for the response to Petitioner's remaining claims is unchanged. Petitioner is directed to file a status report by **September 30, 2020**, as to the status of the COVID-19 related state proceedings.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
May 27, 2020

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain  
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
United States District Judge

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